Emerald Ash Borer In Virginia



Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Office of Plant Industry Services

EAB Life Cycle













Brief History

- First detected in Fairfax VA in 2003
 - Nursery charged with 123 separate counts of violating the EAB quarantine and plant health laws.
 - In addition to unlawfully sending two different shipments of 121 ash trees to Maryland, the firm shipped the trees without an official inspection certifying the trees were free of plant diseases or pests, another clear violation of the law.
 - Between \$12,000-\$17,000 fines to APHIS; \$60,000 to MD nursery and 200 hrs. community service.

History, cont.

- Eradication project no new finds until 2008
- Quarantine imposed 2008
 - Fairfax, Loudon, Arlington, Pr. William, Fauquier,
 Alexandra, Manassas, Manassas Park & Falls Church

Quarantine



- Regulation
 - Prohibits movement of regulated articles out of quarantined localities except in compliance with certain conditions
 - EAB any life stage
 - Hardwood firewood
 - Ash nursery stock
 - Green (non heat treated) ash lumber
 - Other living or dead material of the genus *Fraxinus* (logs, branches, stumps, roots, wood chips)

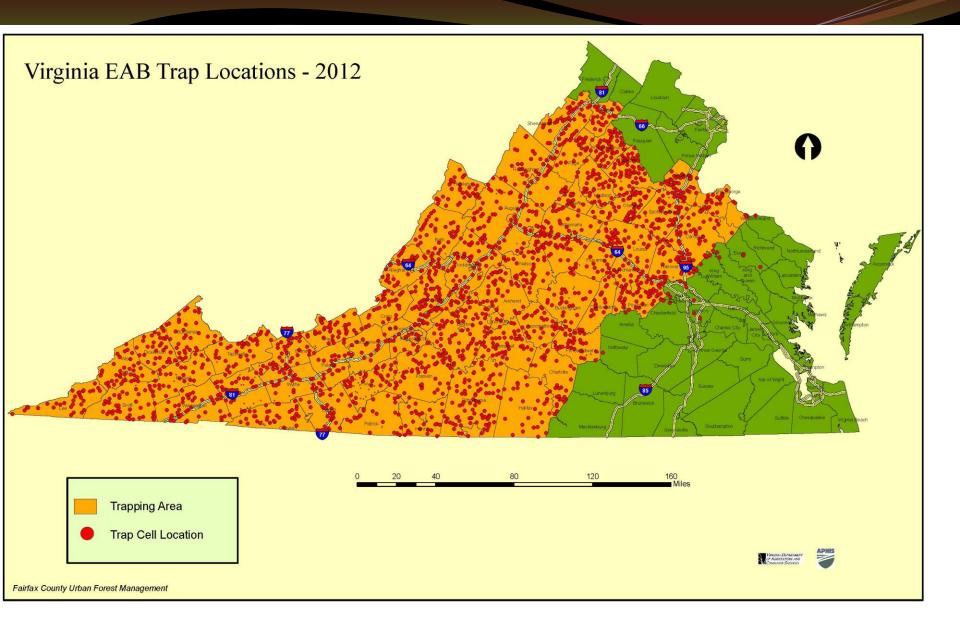
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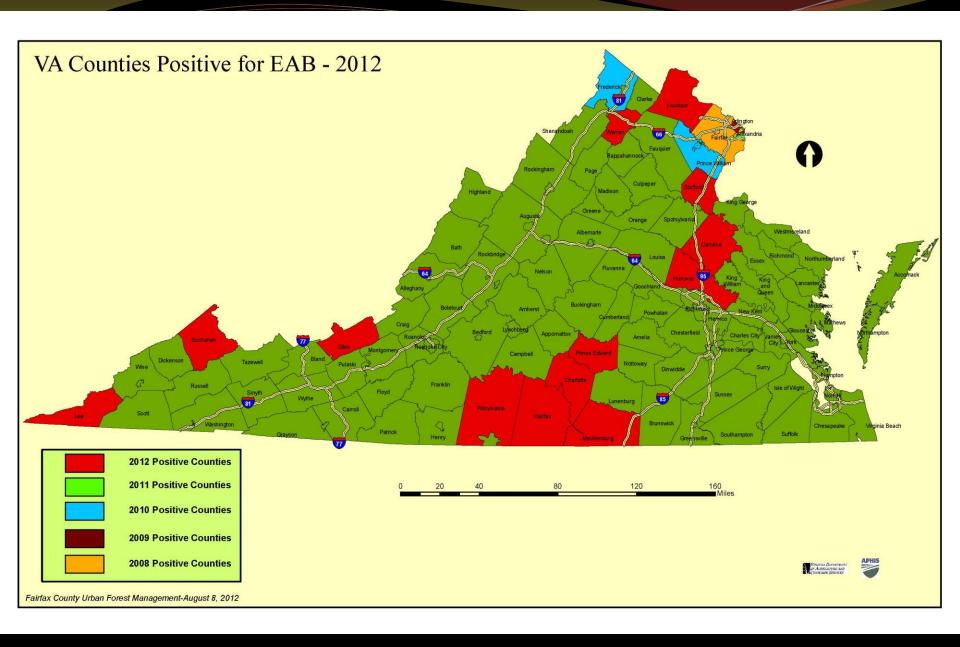
- Federally funded Surveys
 - Goal determine size & boundaries of infestation
 - Survey tools
 - 2009 13 Northern VA counties -3200 traps
 - 2010 expansion of 2009 survey 17 cos. 4100
 - 3 positive traps
 - 2011 survey expands to include 87 cos/cities
 - Trapping conducted with USDA contractor

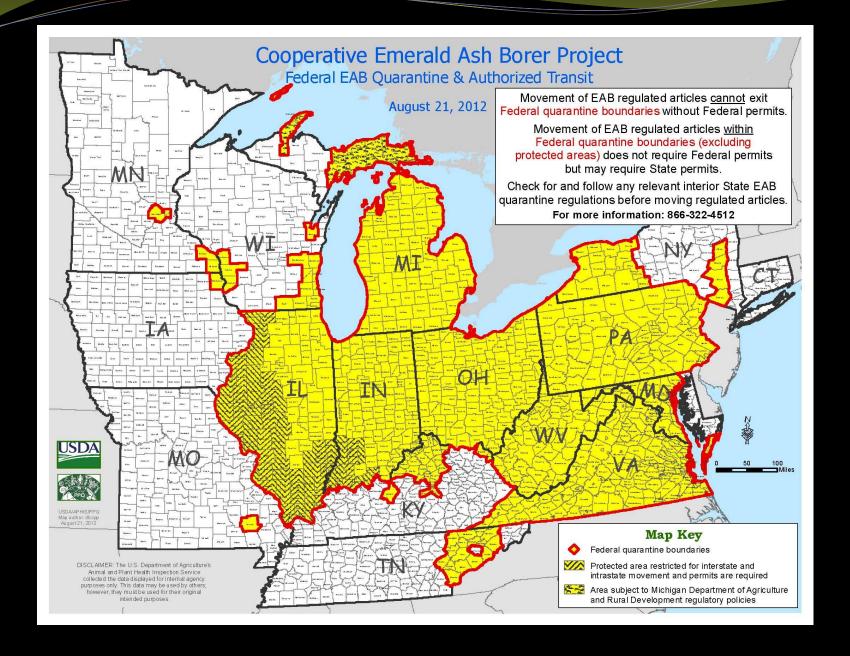


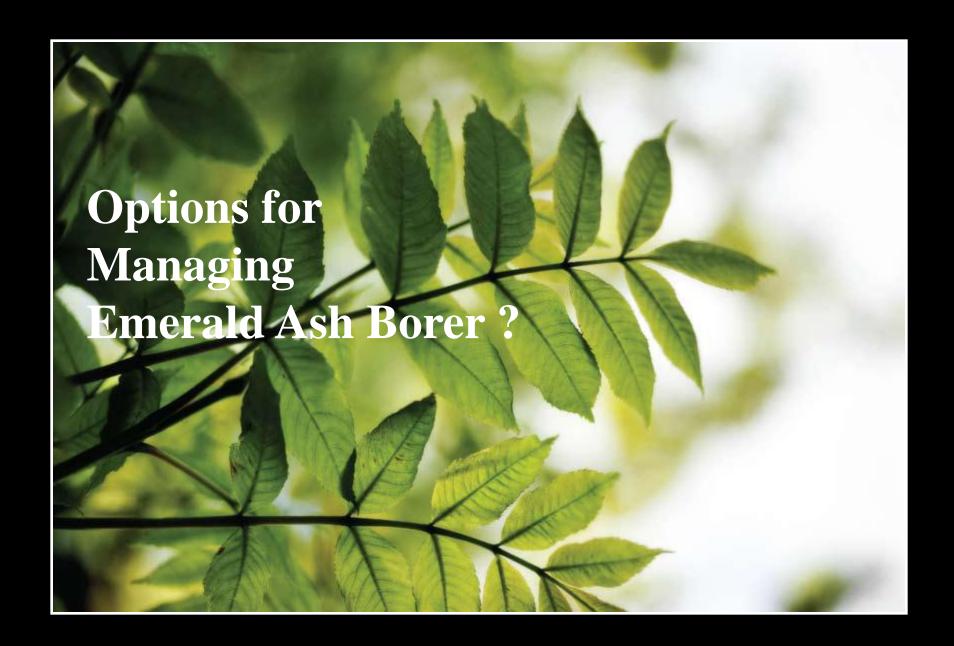
2012 Survey

- USDA contractor
 - Delta-21
 - Using USDA Forestry Forest Health Technology Team
 - Model to provide transparency, increase nos. of catches & provide timely management tools
- 2300 traps deployed in April
- First new find 6/5/12









- Education/Outreach
- Chemical treatments
 - Treeage emmamectin benzoate
 - Imidacloprid
- Tree removals
- Planting different tree species
- Parasitoids (not available to homeowners)